

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) beginning at page 27, line 1 with the following rewritten version:

ABSTRACT

A discharge valve mechanism ~~(40)~~ has discharge openings ~~(29a, 29b)~~. The number of discharge openings ~~(29a, 29b)~~ to be placed in the open state is varied depending on the pressure and the flow rate of gas refrigerant discharged from a compression chamber ~~(25)~~. Accordingly, the occurrence of overcompression losses at the time of controlling of the variable displacement of a compressor is inhibited during the operation from small to large displacement. This achieves improvements in compressor operating efficiency.